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**PATENT**

In re application of: Craig T. Hall, et al.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONNECTING SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS IN  
THE THIRD PARTY LOGISTICS  
ENVIRONMENT VIA THE INTERNET

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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

All pending claims have been reproduced in an Appendix below for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please substitute the following claims 5, 11, 16, 22, 45, 81, and 86 for the corresponding claims. A marked up version of the amended claims and all pending claims are presented in the Appendices below.

5. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer program instructions embedded therein for performing a method for generating a bid for a shipper load in a system for matching carrier capacities with shipper loads via a wide area network, the method comprising:

selecting a plurality of units of capacity;

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